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MONSON

Schools likely reopening Oct. 5 for preschool, high needs

Grades K-12 could return Oct. 19

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MONSON – Monson schools will likely see a hybrid reopening for preschool and high needs students on Oct. 5, with the rest of the student body returning Oct. 19.

After a COVID-19 outbreak in town that pushed Monson into the “red” zone – meaning the average daily cases per 100,000 residents was greater than eight – schools switched from the original hybrid reopening plan to full remote learning, per state education guidelines. But during last week’s school committee meeting, a map from state health and education officials showed the town in yellow, indicating four to eight average daily cases per 100,000 residents and allowing the district to resume its hybrid reopening.

The state map with case numbers in each town is updated every Wednesday. At the start of the Sept. 23 school committee meeting at 7 p.m., it hadn’t been updated yet; but Monson superintendent Dr. Cheryl Clarke said she was refreshing the

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ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

Artists showcase their work in upcoming online exhibit

By Jonah Snowden
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MONSON – Currently, local and global artists are sharing their vision and passion for artwork by submitting their work to the Monson Arts Council (MAC) for the upcoming online exhibit, titled “Connect.”

Maureen Solomon, secretary of the Great Art Show Committee, associated with the MAC, said this event is going on it’s 28th anniversary.

“The original purpose of putting it together, was to have an art show,” said Solomon. “We did a lot of theater and concerts, but we didn’t have an art show for a while.”

Various forms of artwork, including paintings, sculptures, drawings, photographs, drawing, graphic arts and other three-dimensional works will be displayed and submitted from artists all across the world.

The exhibit will be virtual this year, from Oct. 4, until the end of the month. By going to the MAC’s Instagram, <https://www.instagram.com/monsonartscouncil/>, every image after the exhibit flyer will showcase a series of images that have been selected for the show. Solomon said this is also a sales gallery, which participants can use to support the artist and purchase their work for the upcoming holidays or other occasions.

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SCHOOLS



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Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School, located at 240 Sykes St.

Pathfinder School Committee approves golf, soccer for competition

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PALMER – After many months, it was eventually decided that Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School will be participating in fall sports.

Pathfinder’s athletic director Joseph Baldyga said when the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) released a document outlining guidelines on the current operations of sports, it helped determine how Pathfinder would make their decision on this current season.

“It’s been quite a process,” Baldyga said. “The school committee finally approved for us to play on Wednesday, Sept. 17.”

The sports selected to take place during this current fall season include boys and girls soccer and golf for competition.

Football and cheerleading will be scheduled for February, March and April (the “fall two” season, from Feb. 22 through Apr. 25) and until then, players can condition themselves twice a week.

During this fall season, all athletes will be wearing masks and practicing social distancing guidelines.

“We have a COVID-19 responsibility sheet that we’ve sent to parents and students who have to check and make sure they are not showing any signs or any of the symptoms of (COVID-19) and that they haven’t been exposed to

anybody with COVID-19,” Baldyga said.

“We’ve only really had two days of practice so far, but I’d say it’s been great,” he said. “During our football practice, all of our players we’re wearing masks, moving around outside and we had them in smaller groups, so that they could practice, but weren’t mixing with each other.”

He also said from what he heard about soccer, the athletes were following the same protocols and “it’s been pretty good.”

“I did get to meet with our cheer team, our girls soccer team and it’s a good start to the year for us,” Baldyga said. “Even with all of these restrictions and guidelines, everyone was really happy just to be back out on the field.”

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DINING

Local restaurant owners attempt to make up for lost revenue

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The COVID-19 pandemic has hit the restaurant industry hard, with many reporting a loss of revenue while looking for ways to add more seating and get creative with menu items.

At the Steaming Tender, located at 28 Depot St. in Palmer, owner Scarlet Lamothe said since reopening, they had a “slow start,” and began to pick up traffic once “people got comfortable with the idea of going out and ensuring that it was safe.”

“Before it all started, we had very precautions procedures put in place, but all our tables are all again spaced out apart and it’s more so outside because it’s getting colder,” said Lamothe. “There are people that do sit inside, but there’s a lot of people that still refuse to sit inside. So, we have adapted, and we have outdoor heaters, for our guests that still want to sit outside.”

She also said as of Oct. 1, they will be opening up their parlor car for extra seating, in attempt to make up for the loss of revenue they experienced during the shutdown.

“We’re down about 30% of tables inside our dining room,” Lamothe said. “In order for us to keep a profit, we have to add tables elsewhere, so the parlor car is our choice right now.”

Lamothe also said they have disposable menus, which allows



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Steaming Tender, located at 28 Depot St., Palmer.

them to be more creative with the items they offer to the public.

“Every single week we at least have three to four new dishes on our menu, plus additional specials that are verbalized by the servers as well,” said Lamothe.

To learn more about their special American dishes and times of operation, call 413-283-5010 or visit <https://steamingtender.com>. The restaurant currently has a “first come, first served,” procedure in the works, rather than reservations.

At Main Street Tavern in Monson, owner Dana Gahres said the establishment is “landlocked” and received about 50% of their regular revenue after reopening because

they have no outside area for their customers and have no bar seats inside.

Currently, Gahres said things are starting to turn upwards, since their limited outside dining is having some success before the weather becomes too cold.

“We’re turning in the right direction, but it’s going to be a slow process until we fully get to open up,” said Gahres. “We’ve been doing dinners for four to-go and six-to-go at discounted prices, which is helping our to-go meals. As far as in here, there’s not a lot you can do.”

Gahres also said starting Sept.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Baystate Health readies for ‘twindemic’

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Over the last six months, the COVID-19 pandemic has pushed forward a number of changes within Bay-

state Health’s operations, from offering telehealth appointments to holding informational sessions for families deciding whether or not to send their kids back to school.



Molly Gray

Now, the facilities are also readying for a “twindemic,” heading into the flu viral season during the global pandemic. And Molly Gray, president and chief administrative officer of Baystate Health Eastern Region, which includes Baystate Wing Hospital and Baystate Mary Lane Outpatient Center, anticipates we could be wearing face masks for another year, since the two most promising vaccines currently in development in Massachusetts haven’t completed clinical trials yet – and even when those vaccines are ready, it will take time to reach the goal of a vaccinated population.

“I see family and friends saying, ‘maybe we’ll have an easier viral season because people are wearing masks,’” Gray said. “I’m worried we’re going to have a tough viral season. It’s very likely that as more activities move indoors, the likelihood of exposure is increased. I think even the low community transmission rates we’ve seen locally sometimes causes us to feel a

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COMMUNITY



The Monson Senior Center, located at 106 Main St., Monson. Courtesy Photo

Senior Centers offer outdoor programs through fall

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While many local senior centers have had to adjust programming and cancel classes during these unprecedented times which have left many senior citizens isolated, local senior centers and specifically their councils on aging are continuing to provide services.

At the Holland Community Center, director Brenda Palmer said although they’ve had to cancel classes, they’ve been open, “as far as being able to help out under different ways.”

“We’re open a few less hours at the office, but we’re doing re-

mote stuff,” said Palmer. “We’re doing some outdoor classes and a couple of indoor things. We’ll do a movie inside with everybody, who have to pre-register for everything, so that we have 10 people or less.”

She also said they have curbside lunches on Mondays and Wednesdays, kayaking opportunity at the Hamilton Reservoir, and this upcoming weekend they’ll have musicians Amanda Meli and Tony Valley perform for a few seniors who are possibly suffering from their isolation during the pandemic.

During the month of October, Palmer said the center plans on

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Hitchcock Academy celebrating World Smile Day, Kindness Rocks Oct. 2

BRIMFIELD – Hitchcock Free Academy invites everyone to be a World Smile Day Ambassador with Hitchcock Academy. Drop-in at the Academy on Oct. 2 from 2 – 6 p.m. and paint kindness rocks in honor of World Smile Day during this free event. Take home your painted rock and leave it on a neighbor or friend's porch, or leave your rock with the academy which will distribute them around town. Do an act of kindness – help one person smile!

Participants will receive a World Smile Day Ambassador certificate and a World Smile Day sticker and poster.

Polish dinner at Monson-Glendale United Methodist Church

MONSON – A Polish dinner will be available for take-out and curbside pickup only at Monson-Glendale United Methodist Church, 162 Main St. in Monson, at the corner of Main and Cushman Streets on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 4:30 – 6 p.m.

Menu: Golombki, Pierogi, Kielbasa, Sauerkraut, Pickled Beets, Rye Bread, Homemade Bread Pudding. Reserve dinners ahead of time by calling (413) 267-5207. Orders will be taken until Oct. 23. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.

“Keep Warm Drive” collecting winter clothing, now through Nov. 30

THREE RIVERS – The Three Rivers Fire-fighter's Association Ladies Auxiliary will be holding its annual “Keep Warm Drive” to benefit the Palmer/Monson Family Network.

Beginning Oct. 1 through Nov. 30, the auxiliary will be collecting new and gently used winter coats, hats, mittens/gloves and scarves, accepting all sizes for men, women and children.

This year, there will be only one drop-off box, located at the Three Rivers Fire Station. Drop-offs will gratefully be accepted between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Please help keep those in our community warm this winter. Thank you.

Wales Cultural Council seeks funding proposals

WALES – Proposals for Wales community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs are welcome and grant applications open Oct. 1 and are due by Nov. 16 at 11:59 p.m.

The Wales Cultural Council invites organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

According to Wales Cultural Council chair Susan Gregory, these grants can support a variety of artist projects and activities in Wales. To apply visit www.massculturalcouncil.org

Food drive Oct. 10 at First Church of Monson

MONSON – The Hearts Willing Club of The First Church of Monson will be having a drive-by food drive for the Monson Food Pantry on Saturday, Oct. 10 in the church parking lot, from 10 a.m. through 1 p.m. Non-perishable food items with no expired “sell by” dates will be accepted. Also needed are cleaning supplies, such as laundry detergent, hand soap, etc. There will be no need for visitors to leave the car; volunteers will gladly take food donations out of cars for them.



Main Street Tavern, located 218 Main St., Monson.



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Francesco's Ristorante and Pizzeria, located at 45 Palmer Rd., Brimfield.

Corrections

A Sept. 17 article titled “First Church organ, built in 1892, to be restored” incorrectly stated the date the organ was donated; the organ was donated in 1892, not 1982. Also, the organ was manufactured by Johnson & Sons, not Johnson & Song.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Virtual Speaker Series

HOLYOKE – October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In recognition, Womanshelter/Compañeras is virtually hosting “Allies in Action: A Speaker Series,” a dynamic conversation about domestic violence every Thursday, Oct. 1 through Oct. 22 at 4 p.m.

Kristen Faith – the founder of Break the Silence Against Domestic Violence, entrepreneur and American Red Cross Humanitarian Award recipient – kicks off the series on Oct. 1 by sharing her story of surviving an abusive relationship.

“One of the greatest things social changers can do is share their knowledge and resources with others to create an even greater ripple effect of change,” Faith said. “Change starts with each and every one of us.”

Together, we can turn a ripple effect into a tidal wave. Womanshelter/Compañeras invites everyone – business leaders, entrepreneurs, social changers, community organizers and others – to attend this free event.

“Intimate partner violence can happen to anyone,” Womanshelter/Compañeras executive director Carmen Nieves said. “Family members, neighbors and employers are bystanders who can make a difference to a survivor's life.”

On Oct. 8, Terry Josiah Sharpe – one of the most sought after educators on healthy relationships – is sharing his story about perpetuating and overcoming abuse.

“As men, it's not easy to recognize the signs of domes-

tic violence in a toxic masculine society,” Sharpe said. “We have to understand domestic violence comes in more forms than just physical, and then look internally to recognize if we are perpetuating abuse.”

Break The Silence Against Domestic Violence Board president Tara Woodlee will speak on Oct. 15 about starting her advocacy after her daughter Ashleigh and her unborn baby were killed by Ashleigh's boyfriend.

A roundtable of leaders from Massachusetts domestic violence services and prevention organizations will wrap up the speaker series on October 22. The panel includes Womanshelter/Compañeras Executive Director Carmen Nieves, The Center of Hope and Healing Executive Director Isa Wolde-

guiguais, Casa Myrna CEO Stephanie Brown and New Realm Coaching and Consulting founder Elizabeth Solomon will be moderating the event.

“Allies in Action” speakers have been featured in TIME Magazine, People, Now This, The New York Post, Ted Talks, The Oprah Winfrey Show, and Investigation Discovery.

Register for “Allies in Action” at womanshelter.org/events-2. Those attending the event that would like to make a donation to Womanshelter/Compañeras, can make their donation at <https://www.womanshelter.org/support-us/>

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26 through the Christmas season, Main Street Tavern will be offering catering services at Silver Bell Farm, located at 305 Silver St. in Monson, from 11 a.m. to dusk.

For more information on the tavern and dishes such as their homemade pasta, visit <https://www.218mainstreettavern.com> or call 413 893-9078.

Another local restaurant local residents might be interested in visiting is Francesco's Ristorante and Pizzeria, known for their signature pizza and pasta, at 45 Palmer Rd. in Brimfield. Owner Francesco Ferrentino said since the pandemic began, they have been down 30% of their regular revenue.

“There's less business and more expenses,” said Ferrentino. “It's almost impossible to survive.”

Aside from deliveries, the restaurant has also put a tent out in front of the restaurant, to shade the customers from the sun while they enjoy outdoor dining and have recently opened their bar, allowing three to four people at the bar. Throughout the entire establishment, social distancing guidelines have been implemented. For more information, call 413-245-4640.

DEADLINE

The Journal Register has changed its firm deadline for public submissions to Mondays. To get your submission in for that week's edition, email Editor at elinscott@turley.com or call the office at 413-283-8393 by noon on Mondays. We appreciate the cooperation of our readers.



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The first prize winner will receive \$250, the second prize winner will receive \$100 and the third prize winner will receive \$50. Prize winners of this exhibit are also scheduled to be announced in early October, following an evaluation by judge Debra Dunphy of Dunphy Art Studio. Dunphy has been recognized as a portrait artist teacher.

In a public statement, co-coordinator of the MAC art show committee David Dupuis said, "we want to give artists more opportunities to sell their work during the holiday season. It's hard for artists in this time during COVID-19 restrictions."

Regarding entries, Solomon said they are getting a "respectful" amount of entries and on Sept. 28, received as many as a dozen new participants.

"What we have enjoyed the most is meeting the artists," said Solomon. "I have been present for every show we've done and met so many great people. Some people were there for the very first show and they're still in this one."

As for why art is an important factor for the MAC, Solomon described it as an important form of expression that shouldn't be overlooked.

"Art can say something that words don't say," said Solomon. "As they say, a picture's worth a thousand words. Art does connect people in a visceral way. That's why we use the word 'connect' for our show."

For more information of the upcoming show, visit www.monsonartscouncil.org.

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Armenian Food Festival celebrates national cuisine

INDIAN ORCHARD — St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church members will hold their annual Armenian Food Festival on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 12 to 5 p.m. as a take-out only event, held at 135 Goodwin St.

Visitors will enjoy Armenian foods. Meals will be served featuring two kinds of grilled kebab - shish kebab (marinated lamb chunks) and losh kebab (seasoned ground lamb and beef) - served with rice pilaf, fasoulia (Armenian green beans), and pita bread. For lighter fare, visitors can order spinach-cheese pie. Baked goods will feature traditional Armenian breads and pastries including choerag, paklava, kourabia, and khadayif.

Cash or checks accepted. To place a take-out order or for more information, please call the church office 413-543-4763 or Sima Setian Pariseau 413-262-7251 or email at spariseau@charter.net.

Sawmill Pond Conservation Area now open

WILBRAHAM — The Wilbraham Conservation Commission has reopened the Sawmill Pond Conservation Area after cleaning up extensive storm damage. There were a number of very large trees blocking or overhanging the trail system. The trails and surrounding forest are now accessible. Anyone with questions may call Melissa Graves in the Conservation office at 413-596-2800, ext. 204.



The Holland Community Center, located on 40 Brimfield Rd., Holland. Turley Publications staff photos by Jonah Snowden

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doing more of the same.

"We're one of the fortunate centers that can do that," said Palmer. "The big room is the only room we'd be using, and it would be 10 people or less." She also said they will do contact tracing, to ensure the safety of all seniors. For more information on the services provided by Holland Community Center, call 413-245-3163.

At the Monson Senior Center, council on aging director

Lori Stacy said they are currently offering homebound meals, transportation and an occasional outdoor coffee and conversation. For more information, call 413-245-3163.

"The entire staff is back to work, but we are closed to the public," said Stacy. "We can't hold any kids of events inside the building."

The Palmer Senior Center is also currently closed, but the full staff has returned. They are

also providing gift care bags, grab-and-go meals and meals on wheels program to their local seniors. Also, executive director Marlene Johnson said their outreach coordinator, Cindy Jasak, will start open enrollment and fuel assistance applications in October. For more information, call 413-283-2670.

In the case of an outbreak in any of the mentioned towns, the directors are taking necessary precautions to ensure all of their

patrons remain safe. Palmer for example, said the community center would have to shut down and continue their services remotely.

"I can decide all sorts of things, but at the end of the day, the board of health and the town council are the ones that make a decision."

However, Johnson said depending on how many staff members she could have, they would continue to provide the

same services, such as the grab-and-go program.

Although most of the centers have had to completely close their doors to the public, directors have shared a similar sentiment in being there for them, if need be.

"We have a Facebook page and I have said, 'it's okay to call us, just to say hi,'" said Stacy. "Five to 10 minutes on the phone with somebody can sometimes make a big difference."

Hampden Prep offers opportunity for adults seeking computer skills, digital literacy

SPRINGFIELD — Registration is open for the Hampden Prep program offered through Springfield Technical Community College's Springfield Adult Learning Center.

Hampden Prep offers a unique free opportunity for adult community members to increase their digital skills with computers, online learning, keyboarding that is often needed for employment, college or training programs.

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The goal of Hampden Prep is to accelerate adult digital and computer use skills for Hampden County residents. The program also aims to provide non-traditional students the support needed to compete in the digital and computer job markets with employers in the Springfield labor market.

Students enrolled in Hampden Prep work to improve their computer and job-ready skills as well as prepare to earn degrees and certificates offered at STCC such as

computer applications, office information technology, clerical office assistant and medical office administrative assistant.

The program includes:

Computer Literacy: Keyboarding, email, Microsoft Office Suite, and Google Suite

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The Springfield Adult Learning Center at STCC provides free classes for adults seeking a High School Equivalency Certificate; developing computer, email, or internet skills; learning English as a second lan-

guage; or enrolling as a student at STCC after completing an HSE.

Classes are currently taught online due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To apply and learn more, visit stcc.edu/explore/community/adult-learning.

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By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

Oct. 1 to Oct. 15

California's Yosemite Valley, with its Mariposa Grove of giant sequoias, was a pristine home for Native Americans until the Gold Rush of 1849, but, then, thousands of prospectors trampled the environment. By 1864, conservationists were looking for a way to protect the valley's fragile ecosystem; finally, they urged President Abraham Lincoln to come to the rescue, and he put the basin under the protection of a public trust. It wasn't until Oct. 1, 1890 that Congress, and President Benjamin Harrison, at the behest of concerned environmentalists shepherded by John Muir, officially created Yosemite National Park.

Today, there are more than 400 parks, comprising approximately 84 million acres,-diffused throughout the country.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends "America's National Parks" by Eser Tome.

The capital

When Washington, D.C. was founded in 1790, it usurped Philadelphia as the nation's capital; the new location was more favorable. Two years later, the cornerstone of the White House was laid. Why the "White House?" Perhaps, as History.com put it, "because its white-gray Virginia freestone contrasted strikingly with the red brick of nearby buildings." The British had set fire to it during the War of 1812, but when it was rebuilt, the structure was painted white.

The original White House was designed by the American architect James Hoban, an Irish immigrant, who also supervised its reconstruction, but the nickname did not become official, until President Theodore Roosevelt declared, in 1901, it would, henceforth, be known as the White House.

The Grateful American Book Prize suggests "The Residence: Inside the Private World of the White House" by Kate Andersen Brower.

Supersonic flight

Today we live in the "the space age." But prior to Oct. 14, 1947, supersonic flight, or even a trip to the moon, was unthinkable. But on that day, World War II ace, U.S. Air Force Captain Chuck Yeager, became the first pilot to break the sound barrier, over the Rogers Dry Lake at Edwards Air Force Base in the Mojave Desert, in southern California. His Bell Aircraft Company experimental rocket plane, the X-1, was attached to the bomb bay of a B-29, rose to an altitude of 25,000 feet, and released with Yeager at the controls.

He took the aircraft to 40,000 feet and achieved a speed of more than 662 miles per hour, well past the sound barrier at that altitude.

Yeager was what some might call "a methodical daredevil." During World War II he flew 64 missions over Europe, shot down 13 Nazi planes and was, himself, shot down over enemy territory. He escaped capture by making a four-month trek to neutral Spain.

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends "Yeager: An Autobiography" by General Chuck Yeager and Leo Janos.

History Matters is a bi-weekly feature courtesy of The Grateful American Book Prize, which works to show children their past is prelude to their future.



The Garden Lady takes on fall questions

A gardener from Ware is curious about the difference between dried and fresh herbs. "I grew and dried numerous herbs this summer and have begun to use them in recipes. Why do you need less of an herb if it is in dried form? It would seem to be reverse!"

Fresh herbs, by weight, contain a great deal of water. Once dried, the essential oils, which is what gives the herb its flavor, become concentrated. Because of that, most recipes will call for only one-third to one-half of a dried herb if it is being substituted for a fresh herb in a recipe. To dry herbs from your garden, simply harvest a few stems, secure them with a rubber band and hang them upside-down in a dark, well-ventilated area.

A reader in Belchertown wrote in with this question: "I was surprised to find a small peach tree growing out of my lazy-man's compost pile. I am sure it is a peach because part of the pit is still attached. Can you tell me if this was just a fluke, or can peaches be started from seed that easily?"

Peach pits will often grow into peach trees without much work on our part. Simply plant a moistened pit two to three inches deep in the soil and wait until spring, that's when germination will likely occur. The variety you get may or may not be as great-tasting or as large as its parentage but it makes for a fun experiment nevertheless. Trees that grew from pits in our compost pile over a decade ago are still supplying my Mom with teenie but tasty peaches. Last fall I purposely planted some pits from some awesome-tasting peaches and luckily, one sprouted. Sometimes they take more than a year to germinate; maybe I'll be surprised with a few more next spring.

This question was posed by Marie

who reads the column from South Hadley: "I heard once that you can store pots of geraniums and begonias in the basement over the winter. Basically you just cut them back and ignore them, then come spring begin watering them again. Is this true? I'd love to be able to save my plants for use next season, but don't have the window space upstairs to do so."

Sure, here is how it's done: Before you put your plants in storage allow the soil in the pot to dry somewhat. Then, cut the plants back to a couple of inches above the crown and set them in their winter home. Besides the cellar, unheated rooms, enclosed porches or other spaces that don't freeze and aren't too damp work well. Check them every few weeks and water sparingly if necessary, never letting the soil dry out completely. When spring comes, gradually begin to introduce sunlight. Once the threat of frost has passed the plants can go outside for the summer months. If last year's potting soil is "exhausted" of nutrients, carefully repot the plant into new soil. Prune away any weak branches and give it some liquid fertilizer. For a bit of work you might be able to reuse your plants and spare your wallet! Besides geraniums and begonias, the method of overwintering can work with fuchsias, coleus, New Guinea impatiens and some of the new Proven Winner and Proven Selection plants. Good luck!!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



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In My Backyard

By Ellenor Downer

I often hear a common raven making its "gronk" call. Last week, when I went out to feed my chickens, it flew overhead making its call.

The common raven is a large all black bird. It is larger than an American crow and has a massive beak. It has a wedge shaped tail rather than the square or slightly rounded tail of the crow. The raven has long shaggy feathers on the chin and throat.

The female lays three to eight blue to greenish eggs with brown marks in a bulky nest of twigs, branches and earth. The nest is often placed on cliffs, but also trees and buildings. Breeding pairs tend to stay on their territory year round. They also form large, communal roosts in fall and winter, consisting mostly of non-breeding pairs.

Nectar loving woodpecker

The downy woodpecker continues to drink from my nectar feeder. The other day the woodpecker was at the feeder and a ruby-throated hummingbird flew to the feeder and hovered near it. The woodpecker flapped its wings and the hummingbird left. A few minutes late, two hummingbirds came and this time the woodpecker left.

A Wales resident has seen downy woodpeckers at her hummingbird feeders for the first time ever this year. She hung peanuts in the same location as the hummingbird feeder, over the winter, and maybe the woodpeckers returned looking for peanuts. They've developed a taste for the hummingbird food. She said it's not thirst as they have access to plenty of water.

Injured male cardinal

A Barre resident called the Ware River News/Barre Gazette office to report she had an injured male cardinal in her yard. She brought him to the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine Center at Tufts University in North Grafton. He had a broken collarbone. They were able to help him and she brought him back home and released him. She knew that he would survive whatever injury he had because he was spunky and even grabbed hold of the skin on her finger and wouldn't let go.

Hummingbird on burdock flowers

I saw a hummingbird flitting from flower to flower on the burdocks in my backyard. I've also seen bees gathering pollen from them.

Baltimore oriole pair

An Oakham resident sent an email. She had a male and a female Baltimore Oriole at her feeders in late August. She said, "After I saw them, I quickly put out some grape jelly for them to enjoy. I do not understand why Baltimore Orioles are coming now so late in the season. Maybe they are a traveling pair from up north heading to Mexico and stopped for a meal."

Great blue herons

When traveling by Long Pond in Rutland, I often see a great blue heron on one side or the other of Route 122. This past week, I spotted two great blue herons, one on each side of the road.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100 or emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com.

Election letters to the editor welcome

The Journal Register welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Journal Register, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to dfarmer@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call editor Elise Linscott at 413-283-8393.

Campaign news

As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact Lisa Marulli, 413-283-8393 or lmarrulli@turley.com, about paid advertising in The Journal Register.

Letters to the editor policy

Letters to the editor should be 250 words or less in length, and guest columns between 500-800 words. No unsigned or anonymous opinions will be published. We require that the person submitting the opinion also include his or her town of residence and home telephone number. We must confirm authorship prior to publication. We reserve the right to edit or withhold any submissions deemed to be libelous, unsubstantiated allegations, personal attacks, or defamation of character.

Please send opinions to: The Journal Register Letter to the Editor 24 Water St., Palmer MA 01069, or by e-mail to: elinscott@turley.com

The submission deadline for consideration is Monday at noon.

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

No dumb questions about benefits

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: I have some questions about Social Security, but I've never been old before so these may be dumb questions.

My 66th birthday is in October 2021; do I put in for Social Security in January 2022? Or when?

I am a 30-year military retiree. Do I need to bring my DD-214 to the SSA Office when I apply?

My wife has not held a job outside the home, but she has worked as hard if not harder than me running and taking care of our home and affairs when I was away a lot of the time. She turns 66 in September 2022. Can she apply for Social Security and, if so, does she get a percentage of what I get?

Thank you for any help you can give me. Signed: Retired Military

Dear Retired Military: There are no "dumb questions," especially when it comes to Social Security, which has over 2,700 different rules sure to perplex even the most learned among us. I'll answer your questions in the order you posed them:

Your full retirement age (or "FRA") is 66 years and two months. Your FRA is when you get 100% of the benefit you've earned from a

lifetime of working. Claiming earlier will mean a reduced benefit; waiting longer can mean a larger benefit. If you wish to claim benefits at your full retirement age in December 2021, you should apply for those benefits in September 2021 (Social Security suggests you apply three months before you wish benefits to begin). Just be sure to specify your benefit start month as December to get your full benefit.

You do not need your DD-214 when you apply for Social Security. Your earnings during your military career are already known to Social Security and will, along with any non-military earnings, form the basis for your Social Security benefit. Your Social Security benefit will be based upon the highest-earning 35-years of your lifetime earnings career (adjusted for inflation). You do not need to go to the Social Security office to apply; you can apply over the phone (call to make an appointment first) or online at www.ssa.gov/retire. Applying online is by far the easiest way to claim your benefits.

Even though your wife is not eligible for Social Security benefits on her own work record, she can still collect a spousal benefit from you. If she waits until she reaches her FRA before she claims, she'll

get 50% of the benefit you are entitled to at your full retirement age. Your wife's FRA is 66 years and four months and, although she can claim the spouse benefit before that, if she does it will be actuarially reduced according to the number of months before her FRA that she claims. For your information, your wife cannot collect her spousal benefit until you have started to collect your benefits.

Finally, thank you for your many years of service to our country. Your pay while serving will be part of the 35 highest-earning years over your lifetime used to compute your Social Security benefit.

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Apples, oxen and autumn harvest activities at Old Sturbridge Village

Village features four fall-themed weekend events for visitors of all ages

STURBRIDGE – Visitors are welcome to join in a host of fall-themed activities at Old Sturbridge Village (OSV), with four themed weekends celebrating apples, farming trade and the autumn harvest. With a working farm and an ox-powered cider mill on-site, guests of OSV will get a firsthand look at the process of bringing food in from field-to-table and harvesting practices of the early 19th century.

“The positive numbers of visitors to the Village over the past few months has assured us that families are excited to create memories and experience the great outdoors,” says Jim Donahue, president and CEO of Old Sturbridge Village. “With these fall programs and activities, we are working every day to ensure that we provide fun and enriching opportunities in a

safe and comforting environment for all ages.”

Apple Outings: Sept. 26-27 and Oct. 3-4

One of the most popular items of the fall harvest is apples, but varieties were different in the 19th-century from what we commonly see today. Guests can learn about the “winter banana,” “granniwin-kle,” “hagloe crab,” and “blue permain” apples, among others, and witness the process of squeezing apples into cider - a more robust and fermented drink than the sweet cider we think of today. Throughout the day during Apple Outings weekends, OSV interpreters will be cooking and preserving apples from the harvest and operating the ox-powered Cider Mill.

Oxen, Fields, and Farmers: October 10-12

Guest oxen will be visiting the Village during the holiday weekend, available for meet and greets. Visitors can learn about plowing and field preparation while

at OSV, and meet the Village’s other animals - sheep, cattle, pigs, and chickens who live on-site. Tradesmen will be working throughout the weekend in the blacksmith shop, potters’ shop and more, and the horse-drawn wagon will be running to take visitors around the scenic campus to see the gorgeous fall foliage.

Autumn Harvest Weekend: Oct. 17-18

In the last of the Village’s themed fall weekends, visitors are invited to celebrate the autumn harvest! Costumed interpreters will be busy at work preserving the harvest, prepping apples, potatoes, carrots, beets and more for storage and cooking, shelling corn and beans, and putting the gardens to bed for winter. It’s a sight to see with the whole Village busy at work! Farm animals, demonstrations led by artisan crafters, and horse-drawn wagon rides will also be offered during Autumn Harvest Weekend.

New this year, the Village is hosting a Virtual Home Gardener’s Exhibit to help

guests celebrate the fall harvest from near and far. Those who enter the exhibit can present what they’ve been growing in their gardens throughout the year, showcased during a digital display of entries available online during the weekend of Oct. 17-18. Expert horticulturalists will be judging the entries, choosing the best in several categories including Best in Young Gardeners (ages 5-12), Best in Adult Gardeners (ages 13 and up), Best Heirloom, and Best Overall. Those interested in entering the virtual exhibit can sign up online at: <https://www.osv.org/event/virtual-home-gardeners-exhibit-2020/>.

The Village is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. during Apple Outings and Oxen, Fields, and Farmers weekends, and 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. during Autumn Harvest Weekend. Themed fall weekends and activities are included with standard daytime admission into the Village. The Village will also be hosting a series of Halloween-themed events, to be announced in the

coming weeks.

Visitors and members are required to purchase or reserve their tickets in advance, using OSV’s new online reservation system, found at <https://www.osv.org/plan-your-visit/>. Available tickets will be released each week on Wednesday, with three blocks of time per day for arrival: 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., or 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Once in the Village, visitors are welcome to stay until the museum closes.

Guests are required to follow state guidelines when visiting OSV and must wear a mask when entering into the Village, interacting with staff or other guests, or when physical distancing is not possible. Masks may be removed when outside and physically distant from staff or other visitors. A full list of safety procedures and measures can be found online at: <https://www.osv.org/plan-your-visit/>.

Board of Medicine takes disciplinary action against former Baystate doctor

WAKEFIELD – At its meeting on Sept. 24, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical license of Emily A. Laurenzano, D.O.

In a Consent Order, the Board suspended Dr. Emily A. Laurenzano’s license to practice medicine after finding that Dr. Laurenzano practiced medicine while her ability to practice was impaired. Dr. Laurenzano was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts on April 6, 2017. Until she entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice Medicine on May 21, 2019, Dr. Laurenzano practiced medicine at Baystate Medical Center.

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine licenses more than 40,000 physicians, osteopaths and acupuncturists. The Board was created in 1894 to protect the public health and safety by setting standards for the practice of medicine and ensuring that doctors who practice in the Commonwealth are appropriately qualified and competent. The Board investigates complaints and determines sanctions.



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Holyoke Community College, new community partner launch cannabis careers training program

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College and its new community partner, Elevate Northeast, are launching a revitalized cannabis careers training program in October for those who want to work in the industry.

The program, offered through the Cannabis Education Center, begins the weekend of Oct. 17-18 with two days of required core curriculum training over Zoom.

Each day will be broken down into two sessions, 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 4 p.m. Each session will include presentations from cannabis industry experts followed by a question and answer period.

Students who complete the

core training will then be eligible to register for spring 2021 classes in one of four cannabis industry career tracks: cultivation assistant, extraction technician, patient services associate, and culinary assistant.

A previous series of cannabis industry training courses offered by HCC and the Cannabis Education Center were suspended in the spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“HCC is proud to partner with Elevate for the sole purpose of helping jobseekers get the training they need to successfully enter the cannabis industry,” said Jeffrey Hayden, HCC vice president of Business and Community Services. “At the same time, we look forward

to enhancing and expanding our relationships with cannabis companies in Holyoke and other communities throughout the region. Our goal is to help individuals gain employment while meeting the demand of area businesses.”

Dates for the spring career track training sessions have not yet been announced.

Cultivation assistants provide the daily care of the crops from seed to harvest and may be involved in cracking seeds, soil mixing, potting, defoliation, watering, pest control and trimming.

Extraction technicians work in labs assisting production managers in all aspects of extraction, purging, oil manip-

ulation, winterization, distillation, solvent recovery, and quality control.

Patient service associates work behind the counters at cannabis dispensaries, interacting with the public, answering technical questions, and providing information to registered cannabis patients, caregivers, and recreational customers making purchases.

Culinary assistants are responsible for preparing cannabis or cannabidiol-infused products using a variety of cooking, baking, and infusion techniques.

The cost of the two-day core training session is \$595.

Elevate Northeast is a Massachusetts-based, wom-

en-founded 501(c)(3) nonprofit, created to support the Northeast U.S.’s growing cannabis industry through workforce training, education and advocacy.

The Cannabis Education Center is based out of HCC’s Kittredge Center for Business and Workforce Development.

To register for Core Cannabis Curriculum class, please go to: hcc.edu/cannabis-core

More information on these and other upcoming classes and programs can be found on the Cannabis Education Center’s website - cannabiseducation-center.org or by calling 413-552-2320.

HCC announces Summer 2020 Dean’s List students

HOLYOKE – Each semester, Holyoke Community College recognizes superior scholarship through the Dean’s List. A student is placed on the Dean’s List if their G.P.A. is 3.2 or higher. The students listed below have earned Dean’s List honors for the Summer 2020 term.

Brimfield:
Melanie Catherine Rose Monteiro.
Monson:
Matthew Thomas Buck, Toni Marie Uliana.
Palmer:
Julianne Marie Hess, April Nichole Kaiser, Brandon Lafrennie, Catalina Rose Mudgett.

Medical assistant program ranked top for affordability, quality

SPRINGFIELD – Two websites have ranked Springfield Technical Community College’s medical assistant program the top in Massachusetts for quality and value.

Medicalassistantadvice.com listed STCC as having the best medical assistant program in Massachusetts. STCC was listed as number one, beating out other community college and training programs in the state. Another website, MedAssistantEDU.org, rated the program as the most affordable in the Commonwealth.

“One of the top medical assistant schools in Massachusetts, Springfield Technical Community College prepares you for a rewarding career in the allied healthcare field by combining practical learning with didactic classes,” Medicalassistantadvice.com wrote about STCC.

The medical assistant program at STCC offers a “one-plus-one” option, which means students in the program obtain a certificate after one year of successful coursework. They can either enter the workforce or continue another year in the program to pursue an associate degree.

In naming STCC among the most affordable medical assistant associate degree programs of 2020-21, MedAssistantEDU.org wrote, “At more than \$1,800 less than the state average for public medical assistant associate degrees, the Springfield Technical Community College AS-Medical Assistant offers unmatched quality without breaking the bank.

“And thanks to its comprehensive curriculum that includes valuable hands-on learning through laboratory and simulation experiences, you’ll feel confident knowing you have everything you need to succeed as a trusted member of the healthcare team.”

MedAssistantEDU.org writes, “Becoming a medical assistant is one of the quickest routes to a career that offers a big return on a relatively small investment of time and money.”

Professional medical assistants perform administrative duties such as word processing, recordkeeping, billing, elec-

tronic medical records and scheduling procedures. Clinical responsibilities include assisting the physician with patient care, performing electrocardiograms, assisting with physical examinations, performing phlebotomy, obtaining and processing specimens. Graduates are qualified to accept positions in medical offices, clinics, health maintenance organizations, insurance companies, hospitals, ambulatory care centers, or any other area where their broad basic skills are needed.

Karolyn Ryan, program director and associate professor in the medical assisting department, said she was delighted to find out the program made two separate lists of top schools.

“Our program offers value and quality for our students who are well prepared to sit for the national certification exam offered by the American Association of Medical Assistants,” Ryan said. “We’re proud of the work we do to train students and help fill the demand for skilled workers in the healthcare field.

Christopher Scott, dean of the

School of Health and Patient Simulation, applauded the faculty and staff in the medical assistant program.

“We have talented and dedicated faculty and staff who go out of their way to help the students succeed,” Scott said. “These rankings are a reflection of the quality of instruction our community has come to expect from STCC, which is the most affordable college in the region.”

The STCC medical assistant certificate program is accredited by Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education programs (CAAHEP) upon recommendation of the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB). Not all programs in the state have received accreditation.

STCC has a long list of top rankings in health and other programs. Earlier this year, it was named a top college for dental hygiene and nursing.

For more information about the medical assistant program and to apply visit stcc.edu/explore/programs/mast.as/ or call STCC Admissions at (413) 755-3333.

WNE and Mass Fair Housing to present ‘The Next National Crisis’

SPRINGFIELD – Western New England University School of Law and Mass Fair Housing will present a virtual panel discussion on “Eviction in the Time of COVID-19: The Next National Crisis” on Friday, Oct. 2 at 2 p.m.

A panel of experts will discuss the impact that the coronavirus has had on an already existing housing crisis. Bringing perspectives on the subject will be panelists Joel Feldman, esq., attorney/shareholder, at Heisler, Feldman, & McCormick, P.C.; Michael J. Doherty, clerk magistrate, Western Division Housing Court; David Leveille, attorney, Rhode Island Legal Services Housing Law Center; and Rose Webster-Smith, program coordinator, Springfield No One Leaves.

Serving as moderator will be Alexander J. Cerbo, a third-year Western New England University law student, Class of 2021, and Editor-in-Chief, Lex Brevis.

Of particular interest to legal professionals, fair housing advocates, and members of the higher education community, the one-hour event is free, and open to the public. Contact Alexander Cerbo with questions at alexander.cerbo@wne.edu. To register, visit www.fhcrconference.com.

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Monson boys ready to return

MONSON – The Monson High School boys soccer team returned to practice last week. The Mustangs are preparing for their regular season and will begin competition early next week.



Scott Watson makes a pass.



Connor Santos possesses the ball during drills.



Luke Hedspeth chases after a loose ball.



Cole Johnson watches his dribble during practice on Monday.

AUTO RACING

Five 2020 track champions crowned at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Aaron Fellows (Croydon, NH), Chase Curtis (Rutland, MA), Nathan Wenzel (Granby, MA), and Mike Douglas (Northfield, MA) each won championships Saturday, September 26 at Monadnock Speedway, with Fellows and Wenzel both scoring Super Saturday feature wins on the final event of the season.

NHSTRA Modified ace Brian Robie had clinched his division's 2020 crown a week earlier but, strongly in the hunt for top NASCAR Division 1 points – he entered Saturday's event tied for fourth in the national ranking – the Sunapee speedster was third in Saturday's 40-lap main event.

Swanzy, NH hot shoe Todd Patnode, the speedway's Modified champion a year ago, moved up to second in the final 2020 tally by winning his fourth feature race of the year. Hillary Renaud (Vernon, VT) & topped the Street Stocks, impressive in her second victory of the summer.

The Heartbreak of The Day trophy went to Gordon Farnum Sunday. The six-race-winning Mini Stock hot shoe was an early-race victim, dropping him deep in the field and six points shy of a championship.

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Panthers prowling again

PALMER – The Palmer High School girls soccer team is back in action after a long layoff. The Panthers are set to open the season next week.



Jillian Lombardi works on a drill during practice.



Maddie Theriault takes a bit shot on goal.



Goalie Sara Dresser field a shot.



Miyah Mega controls the ball.

Mustangs hit the field

MONSON – After nearly having their season cancelled due to being a high-risk community, the Monson High School girls soccer team was back on the field. They are preparing for an abbreviated season that will begin next week.

Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com



Kendall Bodek sends the ball away.



Emmy Finnegan balances the ball off her foot.



Tennessee Murphy takes a shot on goal.



Monson coach Eric Degnan observes his players during practice Monday.

Help feature your student-athletes

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The fall season is starting and Turley Publications is looking forward to getting back out on the field to bring you the high school action for all your favorite teams.

We know this fall season is important to many senior athletes, who watched Class of 2020 lose their entire spring season.

We're asking for help on this upcoming season in order to bring the best coverage we can possibly manage and fill our pages with names and color.

We know that fans will be limited to the home crowds, but that is where you all come in.

We have a limited number of staff to start the school year due to the pandemic, and while we strive to get to as many games as possible, we cannot get to everywhere.

If you are a parent, coach, or even player, and you have information or photographs to share, we definitely want to hear from you.

If you don't see one of our photographers at a game, please feel free to send your own action photos of games in order to bolster our coverage. If you are interest-

ed in regularly submitted photos, please do contact us.

Otherwise, we would love to hear from anyone who reports scores, details, and any milestones that occur during this unprecedented season. Please be sure the information you provide us is accurate and check with coaches, if necessary, before submitting.

We also encourage all coaches to submit their results and details as much as possible. Send any and all information and photos for inclusion to sports@turley.com.



Aaron Fellows captured the late model sportsman title last Saturday.



Nathan Wenzel, of Granby, won the mini-stock title. Submitted photos

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pionship.

In the Modified 40-lapper, Patnode took the lead from Rookie of The Year Solomon Brow on lap 20 and never looked back. Brian Chapin followed Patnode to the front but could advance no farther. Robie (Sunapee, NH) concluded his championship season third on the day, just ahead of Brow.

Hillary Renaud led all the way to win her second Street Stock feature of the season Sunday. Chase Curtis, who entered the season finale two points ahead of his twin brother Jaret, got up for second on lap three and followed Renaud the rest of the way to earn the championship. Chris Buffone was third.

In the season-long battle of the talented still-live-at-home 16-year-old twins, Chase earned the 2020 Monadnock Street Stock crown six points ahead of brother Jaret.

Aaron Fellows took control on lap five of the Late Model Sportsman feature and blasted away to his 12th win of the summer, finishing far ahead of Justin Littlewood and 14-year-old hot shoe Camdyn Curtis.

While Fellows had also won the night before to wrap up his 13th championship at Claremont, his 2020 Monadnock crown is his first title ever at the high-banked speedplant.

Nathan Wenzel won the Mini Stock championship by dominating Saturday's 25-lapper for his second win of the year. When six-time winner Gordon Farnum saw his championship hopes evaporate because of someone else's bull-and-jam racing on lap three, Wenzel had a clear path to the title.

Kevin Cormier came from tenth on the starting grid to earn runner-up honors, and 2019 division champion Louie Maher Jr. was third.

Green Mountain Boy Kodi Sabins, the day after he'd both announced his engagement and won the 2020 championship at Claremont, dominated the Pure Stock feature. Coming from way back in row eight, Sabins took the lead from rookie Brandon Lavoie on lap 15 and then drove away, taking the checkers far ahead of Lavoie and Joey Jarvis.

Mike Douglas, seventh on the day, earned his first-ever track championship, unseating 2019 track champ Chris Davis, who finished fourth on the day and second on the season.

In the mayhem of the nightcap 62-lap Linda Zubrino Memorial Enduro, Matt Gauffin came from 48th on the starting grid and passed Leon Keniston on lap 45 to top the frantic 70-car field.

GSPSS regular Josh King was dominant in winning a five-car, ten-lap Spectator Race.

Saturday's Championship Day event was the 15th and final program of the pandemic-shortened 2020 racing season at the high-banked quarter mile. None of the track's 2019 titlists were able to duplicate their success of last summer.

Monadnock Speedway will close out the 2020 Season hosting two Mudbogs on Sunday, October 4 and Sunday, October 18. More information can be found at monadnockspeedway.com.

MONADNOCK SPEEDWAY SEPTEMBER 25 RESULTS:

Pure Stocks: Kodi Sabens, Brandon Lavoie, Joey Jarvis, Chris Davis

CJ Johnson, Nick Houle, Mike Douglas, Robert Shaw, Cory Lofland, Matt Lambert, Jason Leray, JD Stockwell, Doug Nelson, Steve Zebrowski, Sean Lanttas, Dylan Adams, Jim Decroucy, Bruce Clark, Justin Faford, Jimmy Zellman

Mini Stocks: Nathan Wenzel, Kevin Cormier, Louis Maher II, Tim Leblanc, Kevin McKnight, Kevin Clayton, Jeff Asselin, Jeff Heath, Todd Taylor, Jake Puchalski, William Chaffee, Ethan Marsh, Pat Houle, Gordon Farnum, Shelby Avery

Late Model Sportsman: Aaron Fellows, Justin Littlewood, Camdyn Curtis, Cole Littlewood, Robert Hagar, Willie Kuhn, Joe Bates, Tyler Lescord, John Meany, Scott Beck, Matt Winter, Mike Heffernan, Nancy Muni Ruot, Eric Martel, Keith Johnson, Dan Comeau

Street Stocks: Hillary Renaud, Chase Curtis, Chris Buffone, Jaret Curtis, Mike Radzuik, Tim Wenzel, Nathan Wenzel, Richard Vincent, Robbie Streeter, Ed Brehio III

NHSTRA Modifieds: Todd Patnode, Brian Chapin, Brian Robie, Solomon Brow, Cory Plummer, Joel Monahan, Brad Zahensky, Kevin Pittsinger, Jerry Gomarolo, Eric Leclair, Kim Rivet, Trevor Bleau

Police/Fire

Police Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Police Department responded to nine arrests or summons from Sept. 23 to Sept. 29. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court at future date and are innocent until proven guilty.

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Justin Encarnacion, 30, 34 Cherrelyn, St. Apt. #1FL, Springfield, was arrested at 12:40 p.m. on Ware Street in Thorndike, on charges of refusing to identify oneself as a motor vehicle operator; operating a unregistered motor vehicle; operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license; a warrant and a number plate violation to conceal ID.

Thursday, Sept. 24

David J. Smith, 60, 97 Water St. Apt. #1R, Palmer, was arrested at 5:44 p.m. on Water Street in

Palmer, on charges of two counts of assault and battery on a police officer; resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Friday, Sept. 25

Scott Robert Joubert, 37, of 17 Shawningan Dr., Ludlow, was arrested at 1:36 p.m. on the intersection of State Street and Jim Ash Street in Bondsville, on charge of three warrants.

Dale R. Jolly, was 37, of 123 South St., Belchertown, was arrested at 1:36 p.m. on the intersection of State Street and Jim Ash Street in Bondsville, on a charge of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Monday, Sept. 28

Ashley N. Reymond, 19, of 2183 Main St., Three Rivers, was arrested on the intersection of Bourne Street and Main Street, on charges

of operating under the influence of liquor; negligent operation of a motor vehicle and speeding rate of speed greater than was reasonable and proper.

MONSON

The Monson Police Department responded to six arrests or summons from Sept. 20 to Sept. 26. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court at future date and are innocent until proven guilty.

Monday, Sept. 23,

Brian V. Santos, 44, of 260 Boston – West Rd., Monson, was arrested at 10:32 p.m. on a warrant.

Saturday, Sept. 26,

Stephen Schafer, 30, of 60 New Hampshire Dr., New Britain, was arrested at 2:29 p.m. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Fire Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Fire Department responded to 13 calls from Sept. 23 through Sept. 28.

On Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 5:27 p.m., the department provided station coverage on Boston Road in Wilbraham. The department returned to service at 6:59 p.m.

On Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 7:50 p.m., the department responded to an unauthorized burning on Pleasant Street. The department returned to service at 8:06 p.m.

On Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 9:19 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 9:35 p.m.

On Thursday, Sept. 24, at 10:52 a.m., the department responded to an alarm activation on Depot Street. The department returned to service at 11:05 a.m.

On Thursday, Sept. 24, at 11:05 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on Beacon Drive. The department returned to service at 11:39 a.m.

On Thursday, Sept. 24, at 3:07 p.m., the department responded to a detector activation on Flynt Street. The department returned to service at 3:41 p.m.

On Thursday, Sept. 24, at 5:57 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Main Street in Thorndike. The department returned to service at 6:23 p.m.

On Thursday, Sept. 24, at 7:25 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Main Street in Thorndike. The department returned to service at 7:58 p.m.

On Friday, Sept. 25, at 4:40 a.m., the department responded to a structure fire on Main Street. The department returned to service at 5:52 a.m.

On Friday, Sept. 25, at 1:51 p.m., the department responded to a detector activation on Hickory Lane. The department returned to service at 2:20 p.m.

On Saturday, Sept. 26, at 7:45 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on East Palmer Park Drive. The department returned to service at 8:15 p.m.

On Monday, Sept. 28, at 9:08 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 9:42 a.m.

On Monday, Sept. 28, at 7:37 p.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on Wright Street. The department returned to service at 8:15 p.m.

THREE RIVERS

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to seven calls from Sept. 22 through Sept. 25.

On Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 3:26 p.m., the department responded to an unauthorized burning on Burlingame Street. The department returned to service at 3:45 p.m.

On Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 9:51 p.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on Bourne Street. The department returned to service at 10:20 p.m.

On Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 2:40 a.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on Main Street. The department returned to service at 3:00 a.m.

On Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 2:42 a.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on Ruggles Street. The department returned to service at 2:48 a.m.

On Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 12:20 p.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on Springfield Street. The department returned to service at 12:45 p.m.

On Thursday, Sept. 24, at 8:35 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident on Springfield Street. The department returned to service at 9:07 p.m.

On Friday, Sept. 25, at 4:45 a.m., the department provided mutual aid to the Palmer FD. The call was canceled, and the department returned to service at 4:49 a.m.

BONDSVILLE

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to three calls from Sept. 22 through Sept. 28.

On Thursday, Sept. 24, at 6:36 a.m., the duty officer provided public assistance on South Main Street. The department returned to service at 7:15 a.m.

On Friday, Sept. 25, at 4:46 a.m., the department provided mutual aid to Main Street in Palmer for a grease fire with extension. The call was canceled, and the department returned to service at 4:51 a.m.

On Saturday, Sept. 26, at 8:28 a.m., the department aided the Palmer Ambu-

lance on Pine Street. The department returned to service at 8:44 a.m.

MONSON

The Monson Fire Department responded to 23 EMS Calls and 12 Fire Calls from Sept. 21 through Sept. 27.

On Monday, Sept. 21, at 6:54 a.m., the department responded to a smoke alarm activation on Beebe Road. The department returned to service at 7:22 a.m.

On Monday, Sept. 21, at 7:22 a.m., the department conducted a smoke investigation around the area of Waid Road. The department returned to service at 7:44 a.m.

On Monday, Sept. 21, at 3:45 a.m., the department responded to a hazardous material spill on Reimers Road. The department returned to service at 5:10 p.m.

On Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 1:09 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Mayhill Road. The department returned to service at 2:01 p.m.

On Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 8:43 a.m., the department responded to an illegal burn on Stafford Road. The department returned to service at 9:00 a.m.

On Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 12:07 p.m., the department provided public assistance on State Street. The department returned to service at 12:29 p.m.

On Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 12:43 p.m., the department conducted a carbon monoxide alarm activation on Stewart Avenue. The department returned to service at 12:55 p.m.

On Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 1:47 p.m., the department conducted a smoke investigation on Aldrich Road. The department returned to service at 2:09 p.m.

On Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 5:02 p.m., the department investigated the smell of propane on Whitney Avenue. The department returned to service at 5:40 p.m.

On Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 8:55 p.m., the department responded to an electrical fire on Main Street. The department returned to service at 6:45 p.m.

On Friday, Sept. 25, at 3:04 p.m., the department provided an animal rescue on Woodhill Road. The department returned to service at 3:45 p.m.

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to cap it at 60," Baldyga said. "We're going to give our players two tickets to the game for their family and there's going to have to be social distancing guidelines."

Ending on a positive note, Baldyga said it's great to get the athletes back to a regular routine.

"We're lucky at our school," said Baldyga. "We've had some of our students, back already and there will be more coming back next week, and I think just being active and being outdoors and being with people in their own peer group will be beneficial to them. We're looking forward to having our coaches and players back on the field."

DEATH NOTICES

Avery, Adam
Died Sept. 25,
Services are private

Keegan, Jon Brian
Died Sept. 26
Services are private

McKee, Robert
Died Sept. 24
Graveside service
Oct. 2 at 11 a.m.
St. Thomas Cemetery,
Palmer

Picking, William F.
Died Sept. 25
Services are private

Lasota Jr., Alphonse J.
Died Sept. 7

Nichols, Sandra
Died Sept. 22
Services are private

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O B I T U A R I E S

Adam Avery, 22

Adam Avery, 22, passed away on Sept. 25, after a long battle with cancer. He was born on January 19, 1998 in Ware, Mass. to Gary Avery, Jr. and Erica Murphy. Adam grew up in Palmer and graduated from Pathfinder High in 2016. He enjoyed spending time fishing, camping, gaming, snowmobiling, and spending time with his dearest friends. He loved animals and will be forever missed by his dog Bailey and cat Gypsy. Adam was

preceded in death by his younger brother Trent in 2005, who he missed dearly every day. Adam also leaves behind his beloved girlfriend Marcia Golas, and stepfather, Matthew Boudreau, as well as grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and many extended family and friends who will all miss his kindness and infectious smile.



Calling hours will be held on Friday, Oct. 2 from 4 – 7 p.m. at the Beers & Story Funeral Home in Palmer. Burial will be private. Donations in Adam's name can be made to the Colorectal Cancer Alliance by visiting ccalliance.org. Please visit www.beersandstory.com to sign the online guest book.

Jon Brian Keegan

PALMER- Jon Brian Keegan passed away peacefully at home on Sept. 26. Jon was born in Springfield on January 29, 1977 and moved to Ware several years ago. He was a heavy equipment operator for Local Union 98. He also designed and built four houses in the local area. Jon was a very crafted woodworker and enjoyed doing projects in his uncle Johnnie's barn. Jon enlisted in the Army reserve at during the summer after his Junior year at Palmer High School and successfully completed his boot camp training at Fort Leon-

ard Wood, Missouri. When he returned as a senior, he joined the football team as a defensive back and was very competitive. Jon enjoyed skiing, snowboarding, and hunting. He also enjoyed fishing with his daughters Lila and Ava and his brother Jay. Jon will be greatly missed by his two daughters, Lila and Ava, his mother Susan Fontaine and Gino of Ware, his brother Jason and fiancée Charlene Parfumi of Wilbraham, and



his pop Brian Keegan and Sharon of Ludlow. Due to current regulations, Jon's services will be private. Donations may be made in Jon's memory to Make-A-Wish by visiting www.wish.org. Beers & Story Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please visit www.beersandstory.com to sign the online guest book.

Alphonse J Lasota Jr., 73

Alphonse J Lasota Jr., 73, of Thorndike, passed away of natural causes at home on Monday, Sept. 7. He was born in Palmer, son of Alphonse J Lasota and Antoinette (Chrabascz) Lasota. He is survived by his sister Deborah Michaud and her husband James of Belgrade ME, his aunts Mary Lasota of Thorndike and Viola O'Shepa of Northampton and several cousins. He will always be remembered for his kind and generous spirit. He is a vet-

eran of the US Coast Guard, a graduate of the University of MA with an industrial engineering degree, attended Worcester Poly Tech and New England School of Architectural woodworking. He had many interests such as playing tennis, wood working, and photography and even had a private pilot's license. Al was a businessman, inventor, designer and leader. He was asked to join the Economic Advisory Group reporting to the Town of Palmer.

When they recognized his skills, he was appointed to the Palmer Redevelopment Authority (PRA). Soon after, Al was elected Chairman, where he identified over a dozen economic development projects to make Palmer a destination location. He will be dearly missed by his family and many friends. Donations in his name can be made to Food Share Inc., at 39 Walnut St., Palmer, MA 01069.

Robert (Fibber) McKee, 94

Robert (Fibber) McKee, 94 passed peacefully surrounded by his loving family at home on Sept. 24. He was born on Nov. 13, 1925 to the late Thomas and Margaret (Jenkinson) McKee and was a lifelong resident of Palmer. He was the loving husband of 62 years to the late Anita (Godbout) McKee, who passed away in 2015. After graduating Palmer High School in 1943, he proudly served his country in the US Navy during WWII. He later went on to work as a lineman for Mass Electric ending his career of over 40 years as a district foreman. He loved sports, especially football, hardly missing a game. You knew where to find him every Sunday afternoon watching his beloved New York Giants. He loved the outside, walking, long drives,

cutting down trees and picking strawberries, blueberries and hickory nuts. He was a lifetime member of the Union Evangelical Church, in Three Rivers and a member of the Amvets. Robert will be dearly missed by all who knew him, including his three children, Candice Swiatlowski (John) of Palmer, David McKee (Sandra) of Springfield, and James McKee (Michael Riley) of Redondo Beach, CA; his grandchildren Michael, Mathew, Gregg, Steven, Stacey, Justin, and Nicole; 7 great grandchildren, as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family members and friends. In addition to his parents and wife,



he was predeceased by his siblings Elizabeth Graveline, Martha Cole, William, Kendrick, Earl and Thomas McKee. Visitation will be Thursday, Oct. 1 from 5 – 7 p.m. at Beers & Story, 1475 N Main St, Palmer. A graveside service will follow on Friday, Oct. 2 at 11 a.m. in St. Thomas Cemetery, Thorndike St., Palmer. In lieu of flowers a memorial donation may be made to Pan Mass Challenge, address: Bikes Fight Cancer, PO Box 53, Bondsville, MA 01009 or online at bikesfightcancer.org. Donations may also be made to a Veteran charity of your choice. For more information, please visit www.beersandstory.com

O B I T U A R I E S

Sandra (Sandy) Noga Nichols

Sandra (Sandy) Noga Nichols passed away peacefully on Sept. 22 at UMass Memorial with her husband by her side after a short illness. Sandy was predeceased by her mother Stephanie (Kardas) and her father Stanley Noga of Noga Turkey Farm. She leaves behind the love of her life, her husband David of Melbourne, Australia. They met in 1973 and it was love at first sight. In 1975, they married on their lunch hour at City Hall in New York City. Their love for each other was beyond words and carried them through 45 years of shared interests and adventures.

Sandy's family was very important to her and she was always the first to lend a helping hand. She was an amazing big sister who lovingly watched and cared for her younger sisters; Cindy Windyka of Palmer, Noey Sawin of Athol, and Judi Fennelly of Millbury, Mass. She loved spending and hosting holidays with her family, including her brothers-in-law Whitey Windyka and Butch Sawin, and her niece and nephews; Eric Windyka (wife Christie), Kelly Czarnecki (husband Curt), Ryan Windyka, Jimmy Sawin (wife Emily),

Chad Windyka (wife Steph), Richie Fennelly (wife Lauren) and Kyle Fennelly (girlfriend Katie).

She leaves behind two cousins that were like brothers to her; Joe Reidy (wife Linda) originally of Gilbertville, and John Pyzocha (wife Sylvia) of Palmer. She also leaves great nieces and nephews Silas, Lucas, Ella, Evan, Emmie and Hanna.

Sandy graduated from Palmer High School in 1968. Sandy was accepted into Wheaton College with the help of her extraordinary guidance counselor, Margaret Ziegler. Attending Wheaton was a changing point in Sandy's life, and where she met her college roommate and loving best friend of 50 years, Paula Pilewicz.

In 1976, Sandy and David moved to Australia where they lived for four years, a move that opened the doors of the world to her. They returned to the U.S. in 1980 and a life of world travel began.

In 1990, she joined the Palmer Tuesday Club which was established in 1891. She leaves



behind her loving Tuesday Club sisters.

Sandy was very involved in her community. She served on the Palmer Historical Commission for 20 years. She was also a dedicated volunteer at the Palmer Public Library, where she

became a director and served on the Library's Building Commission.

After returning to the U.S., Sandy and David continued to travel back and forth to Australia. In 1992, they found their passion in Europe and the Middle East and traveled internationally twice a year. Sandy has friends across three continents.

Sandy lived a full and exciting life and had said many times if she died tomorrow, she knows she lived a wonderful life and was loved deeply.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Sandy's name may be made to the Palmer Public Library, 1455 N. Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069. Please visit www.beersandstory.com to sign the online guestbook.

William F. Picking, 81

BROOKFIELD- William F. Picking, 81, passed away Sept. 25, surrounded by love of family. Bill was born April 17, 1939 in Ware, Mass. to the late Francis G. and Victoria C. (Zahara) Picking. He was a graduate of Monson High School and received an Associates degree from STCC. He served in the US Army from 1959 through 1964. He was a renowned commercial diver, instructor and scuba dive shop owner for many years. He was a longtime resident of Monson and served the Town of Monson as Police Chief for 22 years. After retiring, he and his wife enjoyed spending many years in Florida, first as "snow birds," then

full-time residents before returning to New England. Bill was a member of the Monson Glendale United Methodist Church, as well as the Day Spring Lodge of Masons, American Legion and Western Mass. Police Chiefs Association. He enjoyed woodcarving, fishing and boating.

William leaves his wife, Claire E. (Kominski) Picking and their children, William F. Picking Jr. and his wife Teresa of Virginia, Greig J. Picking and his wife Susan of East Hampton, Conn., Mark T. Picking and his



wife Sharon of Wales; and eight grandchildren and spouses, as well as eight great grandchildren. Bill was predeceased by his brother John G. Picking.

A private graveside service with Military Honors will take place at Hillcrest Cemetery in Monson.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation in William F. Picking's name to: The Salvation Army at Massachusetts.Salvationarmy.org. For online condolences please visit www.lombardfuneralhome.com

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little bolder about taking off our masks or having those events or parties... but we are in a global pandemic. It is not gone, and we have to really treat it that way."

Gray also identified issues with the vaccines currently being developed; for one, they need to be kept at minus-90 degrees Fahrenheit, and "nobody outside of a research lab has a freezer that goes that low," Gray said.

Additionally, once the vaccines have thawed, they're only stable at normal refrigeration temperatures for 24 hours.

Americans are also largely unaccustomed to getting annual vaccines. Across the U.S., only 30-35% of the population get a flu vaccine each year, Gray said.

Once COVID-19 vaccines are readily available, Baystate could have big, one-day vaccination events in order to overcome issues like the short shelf life of the vaccine. In that event, social distancing and safety guidelines would be implemented, Gray said.

But "there's a long way between having a vaccine and having a vaccinated population," she said. "That's got a million facets itself in terms of why people do or don't accept vaccines, like why some people are anti-vaxxers who won't accept any vaccine, and what kind of distrust have we earned in African-American populations? Because the Tuskegee syphilis study is one big study everybody knows about, but there are numerous others. So, will people of color seek vaccinations? And how do we get it out to everyone? There are so many things."

Gray doesn't think herd immunity is very realistic in the U.S. either – at least, not without reaching five or six million deaths first, she said.

Changes at Baystate Since the pandemic hit, Baystate has made a number of changes to its operations, both internally and in how it interacts with consumers in order to lessen community transmission.

"It really has been a whirlwind," Gray said of the last six months.

One positive change has been adding telehealth visits so that consumers can address certain healthcare needs virtually, without leaving their homes – something consumers have been wanting for a long time and which has also

benefitted healthcare workers, since no-show rates for those appointments, like behavioral health visits, have dropped to almost zero.

Gray has also been hosting regular calls with local community leaders including town managers, police and fire chiefs, hospital staff and EMS directors to disseminate the latest information on safety guidelines and any local outbreaks, as well as to answer questions and talk about healthcare workers' fears and anxieties.

In April, Gray said there were some tearful resignations from healthcare professionals who feared for their safety and the safety of their families. Otherwise, there haven't been many changes in staffing numbers, although some have moved into new roles, like leading safety trainings.

The facilities have held internal training seminars to teach healthcare workers the safest way to put on and take off personal protective equipment, since their greatest risk for becoming infected happens when they take off that equipment and can come into contact with the virus if it's on their gear, Gray said.

And every patient who enters a Baystate facility is tested for the virus. At Wing Hospital, only three patients have tested positive for coronavirus in the last eight weeks, Gray said. Cases peaked the week of April 8, when there were 16-20 cases at Wing Hospital and nearly 200 across Baystate Health, with 40 people in critical care.

"The overall positivity rate in the state has been just under 1% which is excellent," Gray said. "We've seen a slow increase at Baystate Health in the last week. Whereas we were at about a 1% positivity rate in patients tested, we were seeing 1.42%. It's a small number, but it's an increase."

Baystate will also be requiring a flu vaccine for every worker in Baystate facilities, even for those working remotely, in order to prioritize community prevention, with only a couple exceptions allowed for strict religious or other reasons. In past years, getting a flu vaccine and wearing face masks were optional.

Moving forward, "the most responsible thing (people) can do is to wear our masks, take care of each other, and get through this," Gray said.

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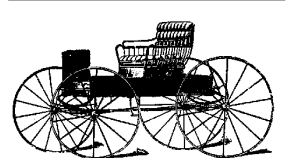
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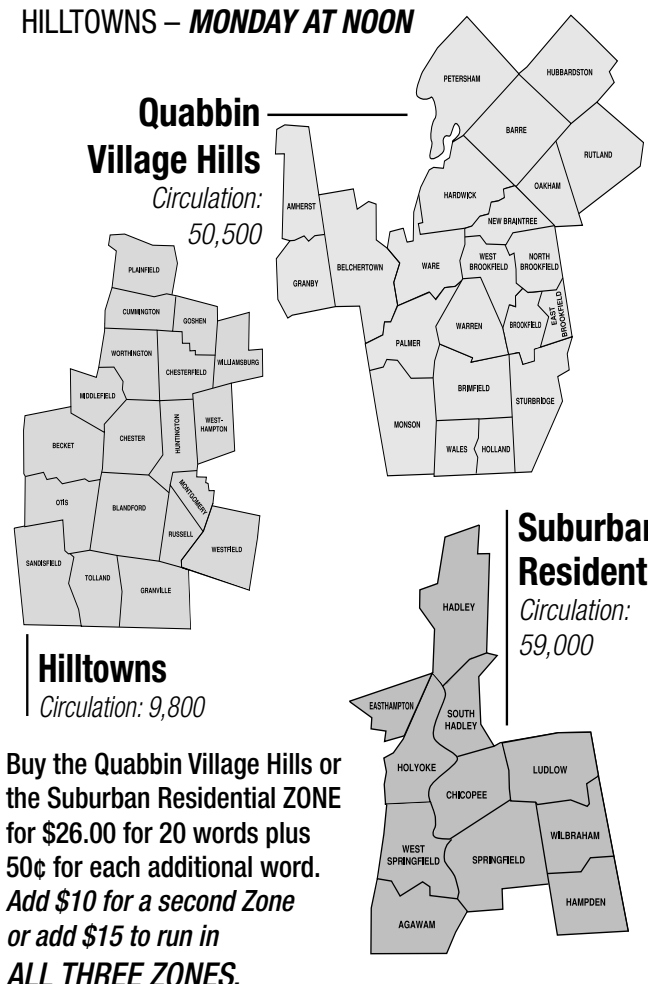
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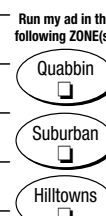
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map throughout the meeting and announced partway through that Monson was “in yellow.”

“We’re concerned about health and safety of staff and students, but I’m also concerned about the social emotional health of staff and students,” Clarke said before proposing a hybrid reopening timeframe. “It’s getting old to be home, I think, for a lot of people. They’re craving routine, as are the students.”

During a discussion, committee members agreed high needs and preschool students would have priority in returning to in-person learning when schools reopen.

School staff will have a staggered return on Oct. 1 and 2 and grades K-12 could return on Oct. 19, as long as Monson continues to stay out of the red zone, which would prompt an automatic return to remote learning, committee members said.

The committee voted 4 – 1 to resume with a hybrid reopening, with chair Jeff Lord voting against the plan.

Sports practices have also been allowed to resume as originally planned, since the committee had taken a prior vote to move forward with sports as long as Monson wasn’t in the red.

Lord was driving his car for a portion of the meeting and had his phone either in front of him or on his lap, visible from his phone camera. He pulled over at one point, after committee member Colleen Flynn said she was concerned for his safety but he resumed driving near the end of the meeting.

During public comment, several residents thanked the committee for moving forward with the plan to reopen and urged other community members to follow safety guidelines in order to mitigate coronavirus transmission.

“We want to be back,” said teacher Kate Czarniecki. “I don’t want to teach from my house. It’s hard. It’s awful. But this relies on the entire town, not just the schools... We need to really think about that because without that we could be sitting here in the red next week.”

One resident also called out Lord for chairing the meeting while driving.

“In the effort to speak to the essence of safety, Jeffrey, I hope you’re not driving in our town in that manner,” a resident named Aliengena said.

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Joseph C. Witkowski of Keene, NH has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives

appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
10/01/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-8600
Docket No. HD20P1569EA
Estate of: Emily Josephine Sheehan
Also Known As: Emily J. Sheehan
Date of Death: 11/23/2019
INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Lynn C. Trombley** of Ware, MA.

Lynn C. Trombley of Ware, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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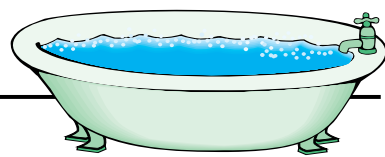


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